
TOWN OF GREENBUSH NEWSLETTER

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Hours: Monday - Wednesday 7:30-4:30

Thursday 11:00-6:30

Friday CLOSED

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After a less than ideal winter for all you hard core, love the cold, can't get enough of winter, outdoor enthusiasts...SPRING has arrived in Greenbush! With flowers sprouting, birds chirping, warm sunshine on your face, everyone will be ready to begin their spring time yard clean-up!

LET'S TALK TRASH!

That's right, let's talk trash. To keep your yard beautiful, clear of trash & clutter, all year round please see the 2024 Greenbush Landfill Schedule below:

2024 LANDFILL SCHEDULE

MAY 11, 2024 – OPENING DAY – 7:30am-4:30pm

JUNE 8th – 7:30am – 4:30pm

JULY 13th - 7:30am – 4:30pm

AUGUST 10th - 7:30am – 4:30pm

SEPTEMBER 14^T -7:30am – 4:30PM

OCTOBER 5TH – LAST DAY OF THE LANDFILL SEASON – 7:30am -4:30pm

LANDFILL STICKERS: \$5.00 – Landfill stickers must be purchased each year.

Stickers can be purchased at the Town Office or Town Landfill (see Landfill Attendant).

REQUIREMENTS: Must be a Greenbush Resident – provide Name, Address & vehicle plate # of vehicle that will display landfill sticker.

MATTRESSES: If mattress can be broken down, please bag material up and put out for your **FRIDAY Curbside Pick-up**. Any metal framed mattresses can go to the Landfill. If unable to break down mattresses, a \$20.00 fee will be charged. *** **Please DO NOT BAG UP YOUR LANDFILL ITEMS** - Attendants **MUST** Visually Inspect & Record Items before you can dispose of them at the Landfill. **CURBSIDE OR HOUSEHOLD TRASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE LANDFILL.** We will **NOT** be accepting Oil this year. Anyone found dumping items not approved by the Landfill Attendants may lose their privilege to use the Landfill, and possibly face monetary fines.

****AS WE ARE REACHING THE END OF PHASE 1 OF OUR LANDFILL... IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE YOUR TRAILER TO THE TOP TO UNLOAD YOUR DEMOLITION. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PLACE THESE ITEMS IN THE BACK OF A PICKUP OR VEHICLE.**



GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Burn Permits & Open Burning

As spring arrives, and hopefully things dry out, many people will be cleaning up their brush and leaves. If you decide to dispose of these by burning, you need a burn permit, even if you are burning them in a fire ring. The law is written on intent, if your intent is to dispose of leaves or brush a permit is required. Permits are free and available on line. Go to www.maineburnpermit.com, OR www.maine.gov/burnpermits then follow prompts. The Fire Department will be notified if a permit has been issued.

The Maine Department of ACF Maine Forest Service introduced the NEW OPEN BURNING LAWS as of October, 25, 2023. According to Sec.4. 12MRSA 9324, sub –“ A person who kindles or uses a recreational campfire may not allow the recreational campfire to exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height. If the fire exceeds that size, a burn permit is required.“ Pamphlets with all specifics are available at the Town Office, and again permits are FREE!



SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES



It's hard to believe this day & age that people still do not have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. With the contents of our homes being more and more flammable, the Red Cross states that you may have as little as two minutes to safely escape a home fire. Smoke detectors will alert you early and give you your best chance of escape. Smoke detectors should be tested monthly, batteries changed twice a year, and detectors replaced every ten years.



INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

For ALL ATV/Boat/Snowmobile registrations

you MUST show ONE of the following:

PREVIOUS REGISTRATION OR PICTURE OF REGISTRATION STICKERS



For ALL IF&W transactions (hunting/fishing licenses, ATV/BOAT/Snowmobile registrations)

Please be prepared to show photo Id and proof of residency, if necessary

Thank you for your cooperation – Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

SAVE THE VOTING DATES



The following is a list of Upcoming Election Dates...

- June 6, 2024 = ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 7pm
- June 11, 2024 = STATE PRIMARY
- November 5, 2024 = PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Elections are held at the Greenbush Town Hall

Polls Open at 8:00am & Close at 8:00pm

THE TOWN OFFICE IS CLOSED ON VOTING DAYS

2024 DOG LICENCE

Dog licenses are available for the 2024-licensing year. Fees are \$11 for unaltered dogs (male or female) and \$6 for spayed or neutered dogs. You are required to license your dogs by December 31st each year. Don't be late; there is a \$25 late fee. Bring your pets' updated rabies certificate.



BMV - VEHICLE REGISTRATION UPDATES:

If you are registering a new vehicle or a complicated registration, please come in **ONE HOUR PRIOR TO CLOSING.** **Any new residents must bring their prior registration upon renewal.**

Tips to registering and re-registering smoothly:

1. **New registrations:** Bring white title application, bill of sale with proof that sales tax was paid, mileage, and insurance card with effective date of the day you are registering or before.
2. **Bill of sale needs to include the following:** Date of transaction, VIN number, year, make, model, mileage, seller information, with seller address, printed name legible, signature, buyer's name, signature, the amount that you are paying.
3. **Transferring a registration:** Bring prior registration you are transferring, title application, bill of sale, mileage, and proof of insurance.
4. **Re-registration:** Mileage, insurance card with an effective date of the day you are registering your vehicle.



ATTENTION ATV RIDERS

ATV riding season is just around the corner! There is nothing like the privilege to ride thousands of miles of ATV trails throughout the State of Maine! Currently, Greenbush does **NOT** have any designated trails, therefore, **it is illegal to drive your ATV on the public roadways here in town.** For a list of ATV Laws & Trail Systems, please call the Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife at 1-207-287-8000, or online www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/ATV/laws-rules.html

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CURBSIDE PICKUP

Curbside pickup is scheduled on Friday's. The rubbish service requests that you have your household trash out by 7 AM Friday morning, but **no earlier than Thursday night,** to ensure pick up. **PLEASE** make sure you have animal-proof containers, as we have had complaints of rats and other critters in the trash, strewing trash around the neighborhood. The rubbish service workers are not responsible for cleaning up any scattered trash.

****No Human Waste and/or Liquid Human Waste is to be disposed of in your household trash! If found, the Rubbish Disposal Company has the right to refuse your trash pick-up due to it being a health hazard for their employees. (Disposable Baby diapers/adult incontinent products are accepted)**

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NEWS FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

The Code Enforcement Officer is in the office Monday's from 7:30-4:30

Permits are required for anything being built, whether it's a chicken coup, or a house/cabin/shed, etc... You need a permit with a sketch, and dimensions.

- **Septic Permit** – is the first step you need to take when building. Septic Permits are \$265.00. New sites require routine site plan for septic systems cost varies \$100.00 plus.
- **Plumbing Permit** - Internal plumbing fees are \$10.00 per fixture, with a minimum fee of \$40.00.
- **Building Permit** - Minimum \$20.00, .20 cents a square foot for unconditioned space (not heated or cooled) .30 cents a square foot for conditioned space.
- **Electrical Permit** is \$25.00.

*****Any building, plumbing or septic system installed without a permit is subject to a violation and double fees will be charged for the activity.**

- **The State of Maine has an Automobile Graveyard statute** - it is as follows: No more than 2 unregistered / uninspected vehicles allowed in your yard. As I drive through the town I am concerned about the number of properties that could be considered a junk yard. Unfortunately, for those properties there is a State Junkyard Statute that addresses this very issue. I am hoping that people will clean up their yards without having my department get involved. I can assure you that it is cheaper to clean it up now than to get the Town Attorney involved. I'm sure your neighbors would also appreciate your efforts.
- **Campers/RV's** - There are a fair number of Recreational Vehicles/Campers in town. We have found that the occupants are not being compliant with the State of Maine Code and therefore we will not be signing any Electrical hookups provided by Versant for campers/RV's. We have also had numerous calls from the Department of Health & Human Services regarding this matter. If it is known that these campers are occupied more than the 180-day period the occupants will be served a violation. Many people use these seasonally and legally take care of the waste/waste water by dumping at a licensed facility. These campers cannot be occupied for more than 180-days a year and must show proof, with a receipt of the facility that disposed of their waste/ waste water, to the Local Plumber Inspector.



CEMETARY NEWS

CEMETERY POLICY requires lot owners to contact the Town office 1-207-826-2050 to coordinate efforts for all burials, setting of head or foot stones or any work to be done other than the traditional placing or removal of floral arrangements. It is imperative to keep all lots in compliance for maintenance purposes as well as prevent possible infringement on adjoining lots

ROADWAY SAFETY



The snow is melted, and it's time for outdoor activities! Basket Ball, anyone? What could be more fun than shooting a few hoops with friends & family? We are all for fun and games, but we also must acknowledge that a portable Basketball hoop can become a Roadway Hazard when left at the edge of the pavement. Not only can it be a Roadway hazard, it can also become a financial burden to a homeowner should the hoop cause a vehicle accident. So, please...HAVE FUN...KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE....and keep the portable basketball hoops away from the roadway.

The TOWN OFFICE will be CLOSED for the following

HOLIDAYS/ELECTION DAYS:

MONDAY – MAY 27, 2024 – MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY – JUNE 11 – STATE PRIMARY VOTING

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 19, 2024 – JUNETEENTH DAY

THURSDAY – JULY 4, 2024 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 – LABOR DAY

MONDAY – OCTOBER 14, 2024 – INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



The Town Office accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover Cards
A 2.5% charge will be added to all transactions with a minimum fee of \$1.00.



THIS NEWSLETTER CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR TOWN WEBSITE AT:

TOWNOFGREENBUSHMAINE.ORG

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

What is the best definition of Volunteerism?



Volunteerism... It is the principle of donating time and energy towards a greater cause. Volunteers help change the lives of those in their community. as a social responsibility rather than receiving a financial reward.

Volunteering is a vital part of community building. It brings together people who are committed to achieving a shared outcome of making their community a better place for all. Engaging volunteers is an effective way of building a connected community, with members who share similar values and goals.

The Town of Greenbush is always looking for volunteers to participate in Old Home Day, Town Craft Fair, Hunter Breakfasts, Tree Lighting...